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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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 For : GAS-ASSISTED ELECTROSURGICAL ACCESSORY CONNECTOR AND METHOD WITH IMPROVED GAS
 SEALING AND BIASING FOR MAINTAINING A GAS TIGHT SEAL

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claims and Abstract.
- ☒ 13 Sheets of Drawings.
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (signed).
- ☒ Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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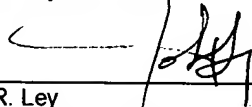
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